

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2021-22</b>		<b>FY 2022-23</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	

**Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.**

Beginning July 1, 2021, this bill extends the Bridge to Independence Program to include young adults who are not lawfully present in the country. The youth would also be eligible for Medicaid assistance.

There are approximately eight additional young adults who would qualify for the Bridge to Independence Program under this bill. The cost for the monthly stipend of 791.14 would be \$75,936 annually. The costs are from General Funds.

Medicaid would also be extended to this population. The monthly cost per individual for medical and dental coverage is \$662. Total costs would be \$63,552 annually. This costs would be from General Funds.

Modifications would be needed to enrollment and payment systems. The agency estimates the system changes would take a combined total of 1,212 hours or 151.5 work days at a cost \$131,400 in FY 2022 and \$63,547 in FY 2023. The costs are shown as contractual services. It is not clear why the system changes cannot be done within current agency resources. The agency employs 17 IT Technical Support staff and 64 Business Analysts. Similarly it is unreasonable that the work estimate of 1,212 hours, which equates to more than six months of work if the work was done by a single FTE, would take that much time. Within the computer systems, the youth would be placed into a separate category with General Funds as the payment source. Once the youth is entered into the system by a children and family services specialist, everything else is the same as any other youth receiving those services.

Technical Note: The start date for the Bridge to Independence Program and Medicaid is July 1, 2021, but the bill does not have the emergency clause.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 262	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman	DATE: 2-4-2021	PHONE: (402) 471-4180	
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of no fiscal impact.			

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 262	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Foster Care Review Office	
REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman	DATE: 1-20-2021	PHONE: (402) 471-4180	
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Foster Care Review Office's assessment of no fiscal impact.			

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2021-2022</u>		<u>FY 2022-2023</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>	\$ 188,352	\$ 0	\$ 139,483	\$ 0
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$ 188,352	\$ 0	\$139,483	\$ 0

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB 262 would allow adjudicated juveniles who have attained the age of 19 and are not lawfully present in the United States to be eligible for the Bridge to Independence (B2i) Program administered by the Children and Family Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Department estimates eight non-citizens would exit foster care at age 19 each year and meet age eligibility. A monthly aid stipend of \$791.14 beginning in October 2021 would cost \$56,952 in SFY 2022 and \$75,936 in SFY 2023. If the individual is a parent of a child or is pregnant beginning their third trimester, they would receive an additional \$246 a month. Because this population is ineligible for IV-E funding, B2i costs would be paid with state funds.

This bill also expands eligibility for state funded medical care to all individuals enrolled in the B2i program who are not currently eligible for Medicaid. The department estimates the cost for each recipient's would be \$650 per month for health coverage and \$11.95 per month for dental coverage. Total costs to the state for eight individuals is estimated at \$47,660 in SFY 2022 and \$63,547 in SFY 2023.

System changes would be required to the Eligibility System, NFOCUS and the Medical Management Information System (MMIS). This includes 320 hours of a Business Analyst's services at \$45 an hour and 380 hours of a Technical Analyst's services at \$85 an hour to update the NFOCUS system. Additional costs include 216 hours of a Business Analyst's services at \$55 an hour and 296 hours of a Technical Analyst's services at \$85 an hour to update the MMIS system. Total costs to the state for system changes is \$83,740 in SFY 2022.

**AJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**PERSONAL SERVICES:**

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2021-2022 EXPENDITURES	2022-2023 EXPENDITURES
	21-22	22-23		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$ 131,400	\$ 63,547
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$ 56,952	\$ 75,936
Capital Improvements.....				

TOTAL.....

\$ 188.352

\$ 139,483

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LB<sup>(1)</sup> 262

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> 70-Foster Care Review Office

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Heidi Ore Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 1-19-2021 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-471-4676

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2021-22</u>		<u>FY 2022-23</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____